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Thanks Shaun. Hopefully we can connect next week on the Butte EIS and make sure we have a plan before any meeting with the Governor.

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On Mar 6, 2016, at 11:55 AM, McGrath, Shaun <McGrath.Shaun@epa.gov> wrote:

Weekend Report from R8

Governor Herbert and Uinta Basin -- I received a call from UT DEQ Director, Alan Matheson, on Friday, saying that the Governor would like me to come to Salt Lake on March 23, in order to sit down with him and the Oil & Gas industry and discuss EPA's work on the U&O Reservation on developing a FIP. I accepted the invitation. It sounds like there is a lot of speculation and consternation on what we will be proposing in the FIP, and I believe the meeting will be an opportunity to provide information about our work and address some of those fears. Although the Governor is getting pressured by the industry, Alan indicated that the State continues to want EPA to address the un-level regulatory playing field between wells on state lands versus tribal lands. Additionally, the State is very aware of the public health threat posed by the high levels of Ozone in the Basin.

North Dakota Petroleum Council -- This Tuesday, I will join Dave Glatt (ND Public Health Dept.) on a panel at a meeting hosted by the NDPC to discuss our joint efforts to address excess air emissions from Oil & Gas wells in the Bakken. The NDPC is working with the State on a guidance document, based on the EPA's September 2015 Compliance Alert, to reduce emissions from tank systems and increase compliance with air pollution laws. It is likely that questions about our ongoing enforcement efforts--begun last year through 114 letters to 6 companies operating in the Bakken--will come up. These issues are being tracked closely by Gov. Dalrymple and the ND Congressional delegation. I am coordinating my participation at the meeting very closely with Cynthia Giles.

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